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As a key stakeholder in the provision of EPSDT services to Medi-Cal enrollees, you have received this email to inform you about the upcoming implementation of a Statewide EPSDT Performance Improvement Project (PIP). The Department of Mental Health (DMH) anticipates trailer bill language in the 2008 Budget that will require Mental Health Plans (MHPs) and other stakeholders to collaborate with DMH on the goal of increasing the quality, effectiveness and efficiency of service delivery to children receiving EPSDT services above a cost threshold in State fiscal year 2008-09.

DMH will host three workgroups to assist with the design and implementation of the Statewide PIP. The workgroups will vary in composition. They will be composed of DMH staff, California Mental Health Director's Association (CMHDA) staff, County MHP staff, California Institute for Mental Health (CIMH) staff, providers, client & family members, staff from the State's External Quality Review Organization (EQRO), APS HealthCare, and other interested parties.

DMH will post weekly headline updates starting July 3, 2008, at www.dmh.ca.gov.

As more information becomes available, DMH and CMHDA will issue additional email communications and/or Information Notices.

Our thanks to those of you who have already committed your talents to this endeavor; we look forward to a successful collaboration. If you have any questions, please contact Rita McCabe, Chief of the Medi-Cal and Other Health Care Benefits Branch at (916) 654-5722.